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This typewritten document consists of very brief notations on various economic/developments in the GDR, as follows:

There have been increasing demands from the Occupying Power for foodstuffs to feed the increasing numbers of troops ~~in~~ in the Zone. These, and the fact that the potato shipments to Poland have been doubled, have led to serious difficulties in supplying food to the general population.

It is reported that plans are afoot to evacuate the inhabitants of the towns of Sealfeld and Rudolstadt to make room for large numbers of workers for ~~uranium~~ radium [sic] mining.

There have again been many arrests at the Hennigsdorf steel mill for supposed sabotage.

In July a complete rolling mill was shipped to the USSR via Magdeburg.

There have been considerable protests against the payment of 3 percent of wages toward the reconstruction of East Berlin.

Unpaid overtime work had to be performed during the Christmas holidays to make up for time lost.

It is estimated that occupation costs in the Soviet Zone amount to 440 marks per inhabitant [per year?]

The SSD (State Security Service) is trying to stir up the populace with anti-Soviet pamphlets and to round up all opposition elements into "resistance groups" which it has itself organized.

Polytechnic in the electrical industry
A professor from the Dresden ~~Technical~~ Institute and eight technicians/have gone to Bulgaria to train electrical experts there.

It is reported that a petroleum plant in Leipzig, which is being dismantled, is being shipped to the USSR.

Twenty ~~four~~ freight cars were sent to Stalin on his birthday from the GDR as a greeting from the Soviet Control Commission.

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